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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 30, 2004, the applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 1-20, drawn to a method for covalently immobilizing biopolymers on a solid phase (formula III). This election is without traverse, and the non-elected claims are retained for the time being, pending consideration of the possibility of filing at least one divisional application directed thereto.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

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